

SENATE BILL 3038
By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to
reading instruction training for teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-108, is amended by adding the
following as a new subsection:

(e) On or before July 1, 2007, the board of education shall promulgate rules
requiring any person licensed to teach in this state on or after July 1, 2008, to have
completed a reading instruction component in the teacher training curricula of a standard
teacher training institution and to be certified as competent in reading instruction. The
board shall authorize teacher training institutions and other entities, as appropriate, to
conduct such certifications of persons seeking to be licensed as a teacher. The board
shall promulgate such rules in accordance with the provisions of title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.